YEARS IN PRISON FAILED TO TEACH 'PRETTY BOY' FLOYD THAT CRIME DOESN'T PAY... SO G-MAN JARVIS WROTE HIS FINAL LESSON ... IN HOT LEAD!

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"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

THE BABY-FACED KILLER!

SHORTLY AFTER HIS RELEASE, FLOYD MADE HIS WAY TO MOTHER ASH THE GUARDIAN ANGEL OF ALL CRIMINALS IN KANSAS CITY... WHERE...

THE NAME'S FLOYD, M'AM. I SUPPOSE YOU'VE HEARD OF ME?

I SURE HAVE, SON. THE WORD GOT AROUND YOU'RE LOOKING FOR GOOD CONTACTS. COME IN, AND I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO

THE GATES OF THE *MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY* CLANGED OPEN ONE DAY IN MARCH OF 1929 AND OUT STEPPED *CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD*---A HANDSOME YOUTH OF 22---WHOSE BLOOD-SPLATTERED CAREER UNDER THE NAME OF *"PRETTY BOY"* WAS SOON TO ELECTRIFY AMERICA. ROUGH, RUTHLESS, THE HARDENED EX-CONVICT RETURNED TO THE ONLY LIFE HE KNEW---*ONE OF VIOLENCE AND CRIME!*

HEY, ROSE, LOOK WHAT WALKED IN!

GOSH, HE'S SURE DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL CRUMMY BUNCH WE SEE.

I'LL SAY HE IS. HELLO, PRETTY BOY, WHERE'D YOU GET SUCH A CUTE FACE?

I...I REALLY CAN'T SAY, MISS. I... WHAT'S THAT?

BEAT IT, BEULAH! FLOYD— REMEMBER THIS! ROSE'S MARRIED TO MY SON, WALLIE, AND BEULAH'S ENGAGED TO MY OTHER SON WILLIE. SO LAY OFF!

DON'T WORRY, MA'M, I CAME HERE STRICTLY ON BUSINESS.

THAT NIGHT AT MOTHER ASH'S, FLOYD NOT ONLY GOT A NEW NICKNAME, BUT ALSO A PAIR OF PARTNERS - JIM BRADLY AND JACK ATKINS. TOGETHER, THEY EMBARKED ON A SPREE OF BANK ROBBERIES THAT TERRORIZED CENTRAL OHIO FOR MONTHS...

HURRY, FLOYD... GET INTO THE CAR BEFORE WE'VE ALL THE COPS IN TOWN ON OUR NECKS!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, JIM. JUST TELL ATKINS TO GET THAT BUS MOVING. I'LL BE THERE.

NICE GOING, CHUCK, WE MADE IT!

ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS, HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS! I'M REALLY GOING TO OPEN THIS BABY UP!

BAM

THEN AS THE GET-AWAY CAR SPED TOWARD THE SUBURBS OF AKRON AND SAFETY...

EASE UP, ATKINS! YOU JUST WENT THROUGH A RED LIGHT. DO YOU WANT TO HAVE US PICKED UP FOR SPEEDING?

HA...ARE YOU TRYING TO BE FUNNY, FLOYD? WAIT... THAT SIREN!

IT'S THE COPPERS! I TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL. NOW THEY'RE TAILING US!

YEAH, BUT THAT AIN'T THE WORST OF IT. THEY'RE STARTIN' TO SHOOT!

OHH!

BLAST IT...ATKINS JUST GOT HIS! NOW I'VE GOT TO WRESTLE WITH THIS WHEEL OR WE'LL ALL CRACK UP. CAN'T YOU GET THOSE BULLS OFF OUR TAILS?

I'M TRYING, CHUCK. THERE, THAT SHOULD DO IT!

I JUST PLUGGED THEIR FRONT TIRE. WE WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT NOW!

CRASH!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, JIM. HOW ABOUT ATKINS HERE? IF WE DON'T GET HIM TO A SAWBONES, HE'LL DIE SURE. AND FINDING A DOC AIN'T GONNA BE EASY.

FLOYD AND BRADLEY DID FIND A DOCTOR TO TREAT THEIR FRIEND, BUT THEY WERE SOON TO REGRET IT. THE BRAVE DOCTOR MANAGED TO CALL THE POLICE, WHILE PRETTY BOY AND BRADLEY WEREN'T WATCHING, AND WITHIN MINUTES ALL THREE BANDITS WERE CAPTURED WITHOUT A STRUGGLE. BRADLEY GOT THE CHAIR AND ATKINS, LIFE IMPRISONMENT...

FLOYD WAS LUCKY AND DREW 15 YEARS. THEN, ONE WARM DAY IN MAY, 1930, AS HE WAS BEING TAKEN TO PRISON...

THE FOOL THINKS I'M DOZIN'. GOOD THING HE DIDN'T USE HANDCUFFS. THAT'LL MAKE IT EASIER. WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING!

SO LONG, SUCKER GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE WARDEN WHEN YOU SEE HIM!

WHAT THE... FLOYD! HE'S MAKING A BREAK FOR IT! STOP OR I'LL SHOOT!

GO AHEAD, COPPER. LET'S SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT HITTING A MOVING TARGET.

BAM!

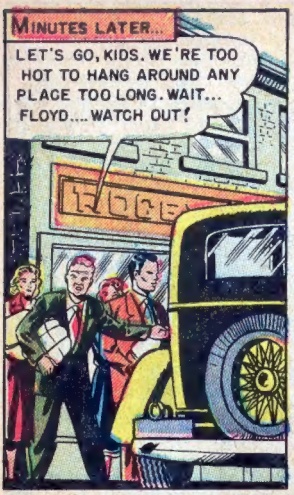
AND AS THE TRAIN GRINDS TO A STOP...

THAT DUMB DEPUTY HASN'T GOT A CHANCE TO STOP ME NOW. I'LL HEAD FOR THE WOODS AND GIVE HIM THE SLIP.

PRETTY BOY WAS FRONT PAGE COPY NOW AND RED HOT. SOON HE HAD A NEW PARTNER, BILL "THE KILLER" MILLER. TOGETHER WITH BEULAH BAIRD AND HER SISTER ROSE, WHO BECAME THEIR MOLLS, THEY STARTED A NEW SERIES OF CRIMES. THEN, ONE DAY IN BOWLING GREEN, OHIO....

THEY'RE MOVING AWAY FROM ME. NOW'S MY CHANCE TO CALL. I'M SURE THAT'S PRETTY BOY AND HIS MOB!

HELLO, POLICE HEADQUARTERS? LISTEN TO ME. I'VE GOT A HOT TIP FOR YOU!

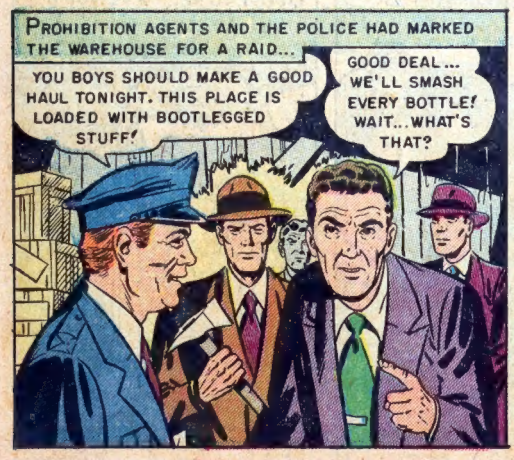


MILLER DROPPED WITH A BULLET THROUGH THE HEART AND BEULAH WAS WOUNDED. NOW PRETTY BOY HAD TO FIGHT ALONE...
GIVE UP, PRETTY BOY! YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE.
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, BUSTER! COME AND GET ME!
BAM! BAM!

SLUG AFTER SLUG RIPPED INTO FLOYD, BUT HE HAPPENED TO BE WEARING A BULLET-PROOF VEST THAT DAY AND SO...
GOOD LORD... I'VE HIT HIM THREE TIMES AND HE'S STILL GOING!
LOOK... HE'S STARTING THE CAR! SHOOT OR HE'LL GET AWAY!

BUT FLOYD, WHO HAD THE CO-ORDINATION OF AN ATHLETE, WAS TOO FAST.
IT'S NO USE! WE'LL NEVER CATCH HIM NOW!
WELL, AT LEAST WE'VE GOT HIS FRIENDS. MAYBE WE CAN GET A LINE ON HIM FROM THEM.

BUT LUCK SEEMED TO BE GUARDING FLOYD'S LIFE. AFTER HIS BRUSH WITH DEATH IN OHIO, HE GHOSTED INTO KANSAS CITY AND HOLED UP IN AN ABANDONED WAREHOUSE THAT WAS USED AS A STOREHOUSE BY A GANG OF BOOTLEGGERS. A FEW WEEKS LATER, PRETTY BOY WAS THE VICTIM OF A LITTLE JOKE OF FATE.....


PROHIBITION AGENTS AND THE POLICE HAD MARKED THE WAREHOUSE FOR A RAID...
YOU BOYS SHOULD MAKE A GOOD HAUL TONIGHT. THIS PLACE IS LOADED WITH BOOTLEGGED STUFF!
GOOD DEAL... WE'LL SMASH EVERY BOTTLE! WAIT... WHAT'S THAT?

LOOK... THERE'S SOMEONE IN HERE. IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE CAUGHT A RAT IN THE TRAP TOO!
WAIT A MINUTE... THAT FACE-- IT'S PRETTY BOY FLOYD. WATCH OUT!

FLOYD, THINKING THE LAW HAD COME TO TAKE HIM, ACTED WITH THE INSTINCT OF A TRAPPED ANIMAL.
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COPPERS FOUND OUT I WAS HERE, BUT YOU'RE NOT NABBING ME!

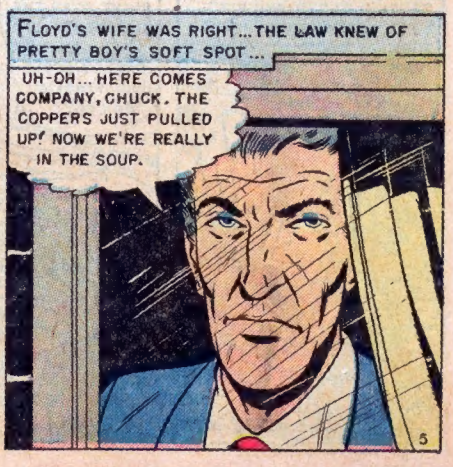
SENSING THE DESPERATENESS OF HIS SITUATION, FLOYD CALLED UPON ALL HIS CRIMINAL CUNNING...
THE PLACE IS SWARMING WITH POLICE! WAIT... THERE'S A DOOR AT THE END OF THIS CORRIDOR.

NOW IF I CAN ONLY SLIP INTO THE STREET. HOLY COW...THAT CROWD OUTSIDE! THE SHOTS MUST HAVE ATTRACTED THEM. I'LL NEVER GET BY THEM UNNOTICED!

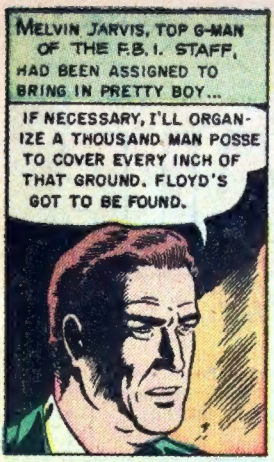
THEN FLOYD COMMITTED ONE OF THE MOST DESPICABLE CRIMES OF HIS CRIMSON CAREER...
ALL RIGHT, SUCKERS, YOU CAME HERE TO WATCH A FREE SHOW! NOW LET'S SEE HOW YOU ENJOY IT!

FIRING WILDLY INTO THE CROWD AND KILLING AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER, PRETTY BOY CAUSED SUCH HYSTERICAL CONFUSION THAT HE WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE INTO THE MILLING CROWD. FLOYD WAS NOW THE HOTTEST HEADLINE ACROSS THE NATION. THEN, IN 1932, HE TEAMED UP WITH GEORGE BIRDWELL AND BEGAN ANOTHER STRING OF BANK JOBS.....

IN SPITE OF HIS BRUTALITY, FLOYD HAD ONE WEAKNESS... HIS SON. VERY FEW PEOPLE KNEW HE WAS MARRIED. AND SO, PERIODICALLY, HE WOULD VISIT HIS WIFE AND CHILD. ON ONE SUCH OCCASION IN 1932...


FLOYD'S WIFE WAS RIGHT... THE LAW KNEW OF PRETTY BOY'S SOFT SPOT...
UH-OH... HERE COMES COMPANY, CHUCK. THE COPPERS JUST PULLED UP! NOW WE'RE REALLY IN THE SOUP.

OUTSIDE, THE OKLAHOMA LAW OFFICIALS WERE GETTING READY TO SPRING THEIR TRAP...
SURROUND THE PLACE, MEN. THIS IS ONE TIME WE'VE GOT FLOYD!
YEAH, HE HAD TO MAKE ONE MISTAKE, CHIEF, AND... LOOK OUT!
THE POLICE HAD FAILED TO REALIZE FLOYD'S FLAIR FOR DARING. IN A FLASH, THE SCENE WAS ALIVE WITH HOT-METAL DEATH.
DUCK, BOYS! FLOYD AND HIS PAL ARE GONNA BLAST THEIR WAY OUT!
RAT A TAT TAT
AIM FOR THE TIRES, MEN! TOO LATE...THE CAR'S SPEEDING AWAY. QUICK...INTO YOUR CARS. THEY WON'T GET FAR!
BAM! BAM!
ONCE AGAIN, FLOYD SEEMED TO BE LEADING A CHARMED LIFE. BUT SOON THE PURSUERS SLOWLY CLOSED THE GAP BETWEEN THE GETAWAY CAR AND THEMSELVES...
RECKLESSLY, THE CAR THAT CARRIED FLOYD AND BIRDWELL KEPT MOVING AHEAD. THEN...
CRASH!
GOOD LORD... RIGHT OVER THE EMBANKMENT. IT LOOKS LIKE PRETTY BOY'S LUCK FINALLY RAN OUT!
YEAH, NOW WASHINGTON CAN SCRATCH ONE PUBLIC ENEMY OFF THEIR BOOKS!
BUT THE LAW WAS WRONG. FLOYD AND BIRDWELL HAD ESCAPED DEATH BY LEAPING FROM THE DOOMED CAR AT THE LAST MINUTE. AND SOON FLOYD WAS BACK IN CIRCULATION. THEN IN 1933...
ARE YOU SURE YOUR INFORMATION'S CORRECT, MR. JARVIS?
POSITIVE, BOYS. FLOYD IS SOMEWHERE IN THE COOKSON HILLS IN OKLAHOMA!


MELVIN JARVIS, TOP G-MAN OF THE F.B.I. STAFF, HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO BRING IN PRETTY BOY...
IF NECESSARY, I'LL ORGANIZE A THOUSAND MAN POSSE TO COVER EVERY INCH OF THAT GROUND. FLOYD'S GOT TO BE FOUND.

MEANWHILE, FLOYD, WOUNDED WHILE SHOOTING HIS WAY OUT OF ANOTHER TRAP, FOUND FRIENDS IN THE LONELY HILLS...
IT'S SURE SWELL OF YOU TO KEEP ME HIDDEN THIS WAY, BLACK BEAR.
PAH... IT IS NOTHING. WAIT... LOOK!

AIEEE... DANGER! POLICE OFFICERS APPROACH THIS PLACE!
WHAT? THAT MEANS I'D BETTER MOVE, FRIENDS! I'LL GIVE THOUSE COPPERS A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY!

AND, TRUE TO HIS WORD, FLOYD ELUDED HIS PURSUERS. BUT NOW HE WAS LIKE A HUNTED ANIMAL. FROM FEBRUARY TO OCTOBER, 1934, PRETTY BOY STOLE FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER, TRYING TO SHAKE THE F.B.I! FINALLY, WEAK AND EXHAUSTED, FLOYD SETTLED IN OHIO...,

BUT JARVIS, WHO HAD BEEN PINPOINTING FLOYD'S MOVEMENTS CAUGHT UP WITH HIM NEAR A FARM OUTSIDE OF LIVERPOOL, OHIO...
SHOOT FIRST, BOYS. PRETTY BOY IS STILL DANGEROUS. COME ON, LET'S SEARCH THE GROUNDS.
HOLD IT, CHIEF. LOOK NEAR THAT HAYSTACK!

FLOYD, OPERATING ON SHEER NERVE ALONE, TRIED TO DARE FATE AGAIN...
HERE I AM, COPPERS! BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO COME AND GET ME IF YOU WANT ME!
GIVE UP, FLOYD! YOU HAVEN'T GOT A PRAYER!

BUT PRETTY BOY KNEW ONLY ONE CODE, KILL OR BE KILLED, AND SO....
YOU'RE TALKING THROUGH YOUR HAT, COPPER! YOU'LL NEVER... OOH!
OKAY MEN, LET HIM HAVE IT HIS WAY! FIRE!
RAT A TAT TAT TAT

THUS, AT THE AGE OF 27, THE ONCE TOUGH CHARLES PRETTY BOY FLOYD LAY A RIDDLED, HUDDLED LUMP OF HUMANITY.
WELL, I SUPPOSE MEN LIKE FLOYD NEVER LEARN, DO THEY, BOYS? THEY ALWAYS DIE THE WAY THEY LIVE... BLOODY AND VIOLENT!

GREED AND *POWER* WERE GODS HE WORSHIPPED, AND THE BODIES OF HIS VICTIMS WERE BURNT OFFERINGS TO HIS LUST. BUT HE MADE THE MISTAKE OF PASSING JUDGMENT ON TWO WHO WERE AS *RUTHLESS* AS HIMSELF...

FRANKIE YALE

THE "AL CAPONE" OF BROOKLYN!

HE HELD A STRANGE *POWER* OVER THE MEMBERS OF HIS RACE! HIS AUTHORITY WAS *UNQUESTIONED*... HIS JUDGMENT WAS THE COURT OF LAST RESORT AMONG SICILIANS. AND HE EXPLOITED THEM TO THE LIMIT, GROWING RICH ON THEIR LOYALTY. BUT HE COULDN'T WIN AN ARGUMENT OVER A *TOMMY GUN*...

YOU TWO HEARD WHAT I SAID! EITHER YOU TWO TAKE THE RAP FOR THAT MURDER OR YOU GET DEATH IN A ONE-WAY RIDE! YOU WON'T GET MORE THAN LIFE FOR IT--- BUT AFTER ALL, I'M TOO IMPORTANT TO ROT IN JAIL!

YEAH--FRANKIE --YEAH! BUT-- MURDER! WE TAKE THE RAP FOR MURDER!

THEY STARTED OUT AS THREE FRIENDS, IF YOU COULD CALL THEIR TYPE OF COMPANIONSHIP FRIENDSHIP. FOR NEVER WERE THREE MORE DEADLY, UNSCRUPULOUS AND VICIOUS KILLERS ASSEMBLED IN ONE PLACE. THEIR NAMES WERE JOHNNY TORRIO, AL CAPONE AND FRANKIE YALE. THIS IS PRINCIPALLY THE STORY OF FRANKIE YALE...

THIS IS THE LAST ROUND, YOU GUYS! I GOT A LITTLE BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!

LISTEN TO HIM, AL! FRANKIE SAYS HE HAS BUSINESS! SOME LOUSY CANDY STORE STICK UP, I BET! THAT'S ALL THERE IS IN THIS STINKING TOWN OF BROOKLYN!

THERE'S DOUGH IN THIS BURG YOU GUYS NEVER DREAMED ABOUT! WAIT AROUND A COUPLE OF HOURS! I'LL PROVE IT!

WE'LL BE HERE, ALL RIGHT! WE COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BETTER'N WAIT'N AND SEE'N YOU LATCH ONTO SOME REAL DOUGH. MAYBE WE COULD MAKE A TOUCH!

YALE'S PATH LED HIM TO A POOR NEIGHBORHOOD. HE EASED UP TO AN ALLEY AND..
OKAY, FRANKIE, HERE'S THE GRAND IN ADVANCE. HOW DO I KNOW YOU WON'T DOUBLE-CROSS ME?
STOW THE BULL, FAT BOY, I ALWAYS KEEP A PROMISE. BESIDES, IF I DIDN'T, YOU'D HIRE SOMEBODY TO KNOCK ME OFF!

WHO IS--OH, IT'S YOU, FRANKIE! WHADDYA WANT TO DO, PLACE A BET?
NO, I WANT TO COLLECT ONE YOU DID THE FAT BOY OUT OF!

DON'T POINT THAT GUN, FRANKIE! HONEST, I WAS GONNA SEE PAT TOMORROW. LOOK, I GOT THE DOUGH ALL STASHED AWAY FOR HIM... AAAGH!
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!

OH, BROTHER! OVER TWO GRAND! AND MY CONTRACT WITH FAT BOY ONLY CALLED TO KNOCK OFF THIS BUM!

OUTSIDE...
THAT WAS A SHOT ALL RIGHT! AND IT CAME FROM THERE! ABOUT THE FOURTH FLOOR! YOU TAKE THE ALLEY, CLANCY! AND I'LL GO IN THE FRONT WAY!

THOSE DUMB COPS WILL NEVER GET ME! I COULD DO THIS RUNNING BLINDFOLDED!

WELL, HOW'D IT GO, ROCKERFELLER?... HEY, YOU'RE OUT OF BREATH! IF YOU'RE LEADIN' THE BULLS UP HERE WE DON'T WANT ANY PART OF YOU!
YOU HAVE TO ALIBI FOR ME, SEE? I BEEN HERE PLAYIN' POOL ALL NIGHT WITH YOU, SEE? I TOOK PLENTY. I'LL MAKE IT RIGHT WITH YOU GUYS!

IT WAS JUST AFTER YALE RETURNED, WHILE HE WAS CHALKING UP HIS CUE, THAT THE HEAVY-SET MAN CAME SOFTLY UP BEHIND HIM...
WHICH ONE OF YOU GUYS IS---
OKAY, BIG BOY. WHAT'S THE CHARGE? IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA HAND ME ANYTHING, YOU'RE NUTS. I BEEN HERE PLAYIN' POOL ALL EVENING. ASK JOHNNY TORRIO HERE! ASK AL!
WHO DID YOU THINK I WAS, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER? I'M LOOKING FOR TORRIO, JOHNNY TORRIO. THERE'S A GUY NAMED COLOSIMO OUT IN CHI THAT HAS SOME WORK FOR HIM!
BIG JIM! SURE, I KNOW COLOSIMO. WHAT'S THE ANGLE, BUD? WHO'S HE WANT KNOCKED OFF?
THAT FIRST BREAK IN THE ASSOCIATION OF THE THREE DEADLY PALS DID NOT END THEIR ALLIANCE. IN TIME, STREETS WERE TO RUN RED WITH BLOOD. IN TIME, EACH WAS TO HATE THE OTHER IN MURDEROUS LUST FOR WEALTH AND POWER..
TORRIO WENT TO CHICAGO TO ACT AS BODYGUARD FOR BIG JIM COLOSIMO, A NOTORIOUS GANGSTER OF THAT CITY...
CAPONE, WHO HAD NOT YET REACHED HIS PEAK, WAS A WATERFRONT RUFFIAN, FIGHTING, ROBBING...
WHILE FRANKIE YALE GREW RICH BY EXPLOITING LABOR, AND POWERFUL THROUGH BECOMING THE HEAD OF THE UNIONE SICILIONE, IN THE EYES OF WHOSE MEMBERS HE RULED SUPREME...
THERE IS, FOR EXAMPLE, ANOTHER INSTANCE WHEN YALE WAS HIRED AS AN ASSASSIN.
FOR A MOMENT HE STOOD LOOKING DOWN AT HIS VICTIM. THIS KILLING WOULD PUT A COUPLE OF GRAND IN HIS POCKET. BUT SUDDENLY THERE WAS A SOUND BEHIND HIM...
THERE HE IS! GET HIM! KILL HIM IF HE RUNS!
WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T FRANKIE YALE! IMAGINE MEETING YOU HERE!
YOU COPPERS GIVE ME A LAUGH! YOU CAN'T TAG ME WITH THIS JOB! I JUST HEARD THE SHOT AND CAME TO SEE WHAT IT WAS!
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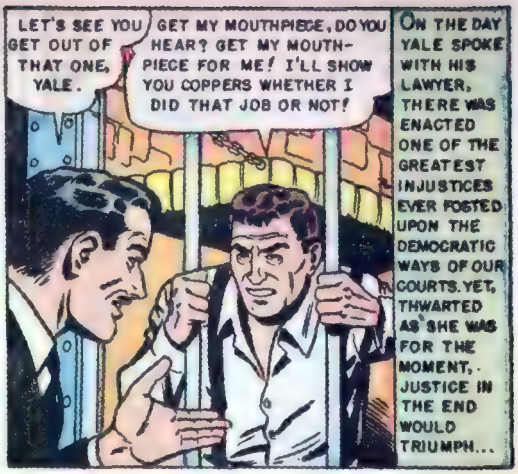
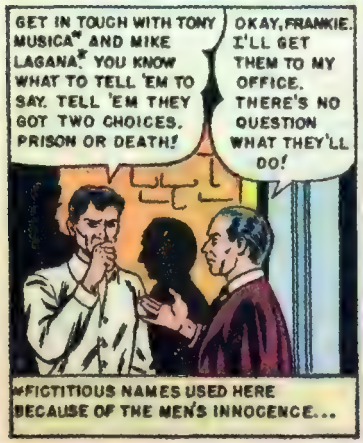
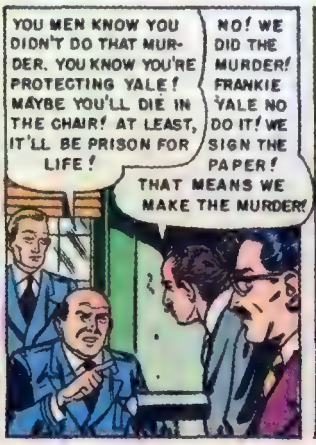
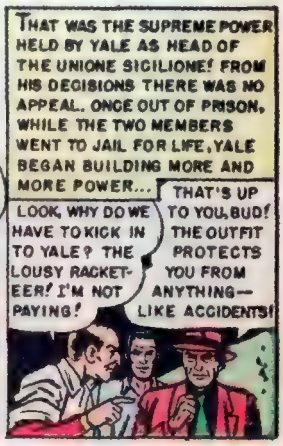
YEAH! AN' I SUPPOSE THE KILLER JUST LEFT THE GUN WHERE YOU COULD FIND IT! WE'LL SEE IF IT'S THE GUN THAT KILLED 'IM.
DROP DEAD, COPPER! I TELL YOU I DIDN'T DO IT! I AIN'T SAYING NOTHING ELSE! YOU'LL GET THE REST FROM MY MOUTHPIECE!


LET'S SEE YOU GET OUT OF THAT ONE, YALE.
GET MY MOUTHPIECE, DO YOU HEAR? GET MY MOUTHPIECE FOR ME! I'LL SHOW YOU COPPERS WHETHER I DID THAT JOB OR NOT!
ON THE DAY YALE SPOKE WITH HIS LAWYER, THERE WAS ENACTED ONE OF THE GREATEST INJUSTICES EVER FOISTED UPON THE DEMOCRATIC WAYS OF OUR COURTS. YET, THWARTED AS SHE WAS FOR THE MOMENT, JUSTICE IN THE END WOULD TRIUMPH...


GET IN TOUCH WITH TONY MUSICA* AND MIKE LAGANA.* YOU KNOW WHAT TO TELL 'EM TO SAY. TELL 'EM THEY GOT TWO CHOICES. PRISON OR DEATH!
OKAY, FRANKIE. I'LL GET THEM TO MY OFFICE. THERE'S NO QUESTION WHAT THEY'LL DO!
*FICTITIOUS NAMES USED HERE BECAUSE OF THE MEN'S INNOCENCE...


YOU MEN KNOW YOU DIDN'T DO THAT MURDER. YOU KNOW YOU'RE PROTECTING YALE! MAYBE YOU'LL DIE IN THE CHAIR! AT LEAST, IT'LL BE PRISON FOR LIFE!
NO! WE DID THE MURDER! FRANKIE YALE NO DO IT! WE SIGN THE PAPER!
THAT MEANS WE MAKE THE MURDER!


THAT WAS THE SUPREME POWER HELD BY YALE AS HEAD OF THE UNIONE SICILIONE! FROM HIS DECISIONS THERE WAS NO APPEAL. ONCE OUT OF PRISON, WHILE THE TWO MEMBERS WENT TO JAIL FOR LIFE, YALE BEGAN BUILDING MORE AND MORE POWER...
LOOK, WHY DO WE HAVE TO KICK IN TO YALE? THE LOUSY RACKETEER! I'M NOT PAYING!
THAT'S UP TO YOU, BUD! THE OUTFIT PROTECTS YOU FROM ANYTHING—LIKE ACCIDENTS!

HE WAXED FAT AND RICH, SHAKING DOWN LABOR. THOSE WHO OPPOSED HIM, SUDDENLY FOUND THEMSELVES THE VICTIMS OF UNACCOUNTABLE ACCIDENTS...
OW-W-W! AYI!!—— MY HEAD!

LOOK—JOE! HE FELL FROM THE SCAFFOLD!
HE WAS HIT BY A BRICK!

IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS THE INSEPERABLE TRIO SHOWED OTHER SIGNS OF THEIR LOYALTY TO ONE ANOTHER. CAPONE WENT TO CHICAGO TO ASSIST TORRIO. AND THEN--ONE ONE DAY IN BROOKLYN...

WELL! JOHNNY TORRIO! I HEAR YOU BEEN DOIN' ALL RIGHT IN CHI! HOW'S AL?

HE'S FINE, FRANKIE. HE'S ONE OF MY STONG-ARM MEN!

I COULD USE SOME OF YOUR SERVICES, FRANKIE. COLOSIMO IS A PRETTY BIG SHOT IN CHI... TOO BIG. I FIGURE THAT I COULD BECOME EVEN BIGGER. WITH PROHIBITION IN. I FIGURE A SMART MAN COULD GET RICH OUT THERE!

IF COLOSIMO HAD AN ACCIDENT, EH? WHAT WOULD BE IN IT FOR FRANKIE?

ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1920, ABOUT 4:30 IN THE AFTERNOON, BIG JIM COLOSIMO WALKED OUTSIDE HIS CHICAGO RESTAURANT, PRESUMABLY TO MEET SOMEONE BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT. WHAT HE MET INSTEAD WAS...

ALERT POLICE SPOTTED YALE IN THE CHICAGO STATION, THREE MINUTES BEFORE TRAIN TIME.

WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU, YALE... ABOUT THE MURDER OF COLOSIMO.

WHAT? I DON'T KNOW COLOSIMO. I CAME TO CHICAGO ON PERSONAL BUSINESS!

SO YOU FIND A ROD ON ME! WELL, I GOT A PERMIT TO CARRY IT! BUT--MURDER? YOU COPS ARE CRAZY!

SOONER OR LATER WE'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU, YALE. IF NOT THIS TIME, SOME OTHER TIME!

IT WAS NEVER PROVEN WHO KILLED COLOSIMO. THERE WERE NO WITNESSES AND YALE'S REVOLVER DID NOT MATCH THE SLUGS THAT KILLED BIG JIM!---

IN TIME, YALE GREW EVEN MORE POWERFUL IN BROOKLYN---

IT WOULD BE WISE FOR YOU TO START GETTING YOUR BEER FROM YALE, MISTER!

I'M SATISFIED WHERE I GET MY BOOZE. JUST MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS AND I'LL MIND MINE. SO. LONG, BROTHER!

THERE WERE SOME LIKE THIS MAN WHO DARED TO STAND UP TO YALE! BUT THEY DIDN'T LAST LONG...

THAT MAY CHANGE HIS MIND! IF NOT, THERE ARE PLENTY MORE WHERE THAT ONE CAME FROM!

BOOM!

By 1924, YALE HAD COME FAR. HIS MEETING WITH HIS GANG OF CUT-THROAT UNDERLINGS WAS HELD IN AS LAVISH A SETTING AS ANY BANK BOARD ROOM. THEIR BUSINESS WAS CARRIED ON WITH THE SAME DIRECTORIAL EFFICIENCY...

THE REPORT SAYS THAT SALOON KEEPER ON CANAL HAS BEEN CHEATING. DROP A PINEAPPLE ON HIS FRONT PORCH... THAT DOPE FROM UPTOWN THAT'S BEEN HORNIN' IN; BETTER TAKE HIM FOR A RIDE... I HEAR WE GOT A STOOL PIGEON AROUND TOWN. YOU GUYS KNOW WHO HE IS. DIG HIM A DITCH OUT ON THE DUMP!

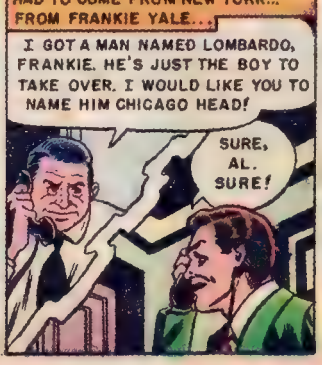
AND THE CAPONE—TORRIO PARTNERSHIP HAD GROWN BY LEAPS AND MURDERS. OUT OF THEIR IMMENSE PROFITS HAD COME COMPETITION! OTHER GANGS WERE JEALOUS OF THE WEALTH. PROTECTION OF THEIR RIGHTS MEANT WAR—GANG WAR...

THE BUGS MORAN CROWD HAD OPENED UP ON TORRIO ONE DAY, AND LAID HIM UP FOR WEEKS. WHEN HE WAS WELL ENOUGH FOR A CONFERENCE WITH CAPONE...

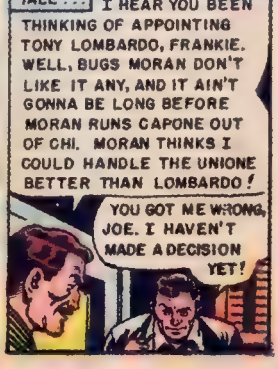
I'M PULLING OUT, AL. I'LL SELL EVERYTHING I GOT FOR AS MUCH AS YOU CAN DIG UP!
I'LL PAY A MILLION FOR THE WHOLE THING, JOHNNY. CASH MONEY!

AND SO, FOR A FRACTION OF ITS VALUE, CAPONE BOUGHT OUT HIS PAL, TORRIO. IT JUST SO HAPPENED THAT, ABOUT THAT TIME, MIKE MERLO, HEAD OF CHICAGO'S UNIONE SICILIONE, LAY IN THE CITY HOSPITAL...

SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE MERLO'S PLACE AS HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CHICAGO'S FORTY THOUSAND SICILIANS. THE WORD HAD TO COME FROM NEW YORK... FROM FRANKIE YALE...



BUT SOMETIME LATER, JOSEPH AIELLO, ONE OF BUGS MORAN'S GANGSTERS FROM CHICAGO, MADE A PERSONAL CALL ON YALE...


I HEAR YOU BEEN THINKING OF APPOINTING TONY LOMBARDO, FRANKIE. WELL, BUGS MORAN DON'T LIKE IT ANY, AND IT AIN'T GONNA BE LONG BEFORE MORAN RUNS CAPONE OUT OF CHI. MORAN THINKS I COULD HANDLE THE UNIONE BETTER THAN LOMBARDO!
YOU GOT ME WRONG, JOE. I HAVEN'T MADE A DECISION YET!

YALE KNEW HE WAS IN A SPOT. HE HARDLY SLEPT FOR WEEKS. HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE PLAYED ALONG WITH CAPONE, BUT HE COULDN'T OVERLOOK THE POWER OF THE BUGS MORAN GANG. SUDDENLY HE FOUND WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A SOLUTION

I HAVE IT! I'LL MAKE BOTH LOMBARDO AND AIELLO JOINT HEADS OF THE CHICAGO UNIONE!

WHEN CAPONE GOT THE WORD OF YALE'S DECISION...

WHY THAT DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSING RAT! ME, HIS PAL, HE LOUSES UP! I'LL FIX HIM! I'LL PUT THE FINGER ON HIM! IF NOT TODAY-- SOME OTHER DAY!

YALE COULD NOT HAVE MADE A WORSE DECISION!! FRICTION BETWEEN THE UNIONE OF SICILIANS OF CHICAGO AND THE HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK GREW STEADILY WORSE... BY 1928 THEIR HATE FOR EACH OTHER KNEW NO BOUNDS. ON JULY 1, 1928, AS YALE DROVE THROUGH BROOKLYN...

A SMOOTH BLACK SEDAN SUDDENLY SWERVED ON THE STREET, CUTTING HIM OFF...

HEY, YOU, MOVE OVER! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOIN'?

MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM, BUT I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO REMIND YOU!

YALE STEPPED ON TO THE ROAD, TOOK ONE STEP FORWARD AND STOOD GASPING IN TERROR AND SURPRISE

WHY YOU--- AHGGHHH!

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JACK "LEGS" DIAMOND

THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE!

BROUGHT UP IN THE MISERY AND SQUALOR OF NEW YORK'S *HELL'S KITCHEN*, JACK *"LEGS"* DIAMOND BECAME ONE OF GANGDOM'S MOST *RUTHLESS* AND *VICIOUS* MEMBERS. LEADING WHAT SEEMED A CHARMED LIFE, HE *BLAZED* AN EVIL CAREER OF CRIME THAT COULD ONLY END IN ONE WAY...*VIOLENT DEATH!* A FITTING CONCLUSION TO THE SORDID STORY OF A RATLIKE CHARACTER WHO WILLINGLY BECAME *"THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE!!*

STOP! STOP THIEF!
THIS IS A CINCH. JACK GETS THE EXPRESSMAN OUT OF THE WAY AND WE CLEAN OUT THE TRUCK.
YOU SAID IT. NOBODY CAN COME NEAR HIM WITH THOSE LEGS. NO COP'S EVER CAUGHT HIM.

GET HIM! GET HIM! HE ROBBED MY TRUCK!
NO USE GOING AFTER HIM. THAT'S THE DIAMOND KID. HE'S AS FAST AS A JACK-RABBIT. THE BOYS CALL HIM LEGS. WE'LL PICK HIM UP THIS AFTERNOON, DON'T WORRY.
FROM THESE PETTY BEGINNINGS, LEGS GREW INTO A HARDENED CRIMINAL. AT TWENTY-ONE HE WAS HI-JACKING FUR WAREHOUSES...
HEY, YOU CAN'T PARK HERE. THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY. WHAT DO YOU FELLOWS WANT ANYWAY?
START MOVING, BOYS. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS OLD GEEZER.
NOW DON'T MAKE ANY TROUBLE. MOVE THAT TRUCK OR I'LL CALL THE...
UNHH!
THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU, POP! YOU AIN'T CALLING ANYONE.
MINUTES LATER...
BOY, IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID, LEGS. THE JOINT'S LOADED!
WE'LL HURRY IT UP. I THINK I CONKED POP A LITTLE TOO HARD. HE'S DEAD.
DIAMOND'S REPUTATION AS A THIEF GREW, AND WITH IT HIS ENEMIES. SOON HE HAD PLENTY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LAW. IN OCTOBER, 1924...
BABY, I'M ON MY WAY UP. YOU WAIT AND SEE. ROTHSTEIN AND GUYS LIKE THAT WILL COME TO ME.
TAKE IT EASY, JACK. DON'T GET TOO BIG. FROM WHAT I HEAR IT ISN'T SAFE.
YEAH? THEY BETTER NOT FOOL AROUND WITH ME. LEGS DIAMOND IS A NAME TO...
AAAHHH!
EEEEEEEE!
HERE'S SOME BIRDSHOT, BUDDY. JUST RIGHT FOR VULTURES LIKE YOU!
HELP! HELP! THEY'VE KILLED HIM!
OHHHH!
STOP! STOP OR I'LL BLAST YOU WIDE OPEN!

LEGS DIDN'T DIE, AND UPON HIS RECOVERY BECAME THE BODY-GUARD TO JACOB "LITTLE AUGIE" ORGEN, A LABOR TERRORIST...
LEGS, I WANT YA TO MEET TWO OF MY MEN. THIS IS LEPKE BUCHALTER AND GURRAH SHAPIRO.
HIYA!
WHAT YA SAY, PAL?
THEY'RE MY BEST BOYS, JACK, BUT DON'T EVER TRUST 'EM FARTHER THAN YOU CAN THROW A PIANO... HAW! HAW!
FUNNY, AIN'T YA, AUGIE. I DON'T LIKE THEM KIND OF JOKES.
TAKE IT EASY, GURRAH. AUGIE IS ONLY KIDDIN'.
BUT AUGIE WAS DEADLY SERIOUS. HOW RIGHT HE WAS WAS PROVEN IN OCTOBER, 1927, AS ORGEN AND DIAMOND REACHED THE CORNER OF NORFOLK AND DELANCEY STREETS ON NEW YORK'S LOWER EAST SIDE..
HEY, AUGIE, COME HERE A MINUTE, WILL YOU?
LEPKE! I BEEN LOOK-ING FOR YOU TWO ALL DAY! WHAT YA BEEN UP TO?
THIS, STUPID! WE'RE TAKING OVER! AUGIE, YOU'RE THROUGH!
NO! DON'T!... LEGS... EEEYAH!
YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING RATS, I'LL... UNHH!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO... OOHHH!
EEEEEE! POLICE! POLICE!
ONCE AGAIN THE DEVIL TOOK CARE OF HIS OWN AND DIAMOND LIVED TO BECOME BODYGUARD FOR THE VILLAINOUS ARNOLD BANNING, RACKET BOSS...
LEGS, I GOT BUSINESS FOR YOU. MAX WALLET IS WELCHING ON A TWENTY GRAND BET. TAKE THE BOYS AND COLLECT IT.
I'M ON MY WAY, BOSS. YOU'LL GET IT.
TWO HOURS LATER AT WALLET'S APARTMENT..
HIYA, MAX. AIN'T SEEN YOU AROUND LATELY. THOUGHT I'D DROP IN AND CHEW THE FAT.
YEAH? WELL, I'M NOT SEEING ANYONE TONIGHT. WHAT DO YOU WANT ANYWAY, LEGS?
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YOU OUGHT TO KNOW, PALLY. WHERE'S THE TWENTY GRAND YOU OWE BANNING ? I'M HERE TO GET IT!
NOW WAIT A MINUTE, LEGS. TAKE IT EASY. HE KNOWS I HAVEN'T GOT THAT KIND OF DOUGH. YOU GO BACK AND TELL HIM I'M TRYING TO GET IT.
I AIN'T GOING ANY-WHERE TILL I GET THAT MONEY. COUGH UP, MAX.
OWWW! LEGS, LISTEN. YA GOT TO LISTEN. I HAVEN'T GOT IT, I TELL YOU.
EEE!
YOU'RE LYING, MAX. I'M AFRAID WE GOT TO CONVINCE YOU WE MEAN BUSINESS OKAY, BOYS!
OHHH! LET ME GO!
LEGS! NO, LEGS! WHAT YA GOING TO DO?
I'M GONNA MESS UP THIS PRETTY FACE. NOW ARE YOU GOING TO PAY OR DO WE GO TO WORK ON THE GIRL?
NO! DON'T! LET HER GO AND I'LL GIVE YOU THE DOUGH!
NOW LEGS BEGAN TO GET COCKY AGAIN AND SOON WAS CUTTING INTO BANN-ING'S NARCOTIC RACKET. ONE DAY THE BOSS FOUND OUT...
YOU DOUBLE CROSSING PUNK! GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I KILL YOU! IF I EVER RUN INTO YOU AGAIN, IT'S CURTAINS, SEE?
OWW!
AFTER LEGS LEAVES...
MORAN, FOLLOW THAT TWO-BIT BIG SHOT AND TAKE CARE OF HIM. I DON'T TRUST THAT TWO-TIMING RAT OUT OF MY SIGHT.
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE, BOSS. THAT PUNK'S BEEN ASKIN' FOR IT FOR A LONG TIME.
THAT NIGHT AT A NOTORIOUS NEW YORK NIGHT CLUB...
FROM NOW ON I'M NOT WORKING FOR ANYONE. IT'S LEGS DIAMOND FOR LEGS DIAMOND ALL THE WAY... WHAT DO YOU WANT, TWIST?
LEGS, I JUST HEARD MORAN'S OUT GUNNIN' FOR YA. HE'S IN THE HI HO CLUB DOWN THE STREET. HE'LL BE HERE NEXT.
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SEE YOU LATER. I GOT SOME BUSINESS THAT NEEDS ATTENDING TO. SEEMS LIKE MY OLD BOSS THINKS I'M A CHOWDERHEAD. I GOT TO CHANGE HIS MIND.

SHORTLY AFTER...
YOU GUYS SEEN LEGS DIAMOND TONIGHT? I GOT SOMETHING TO GIVE HIM THAT CAN'T WAIT.
NO, WE AIN'T SEEN HIM ALL WEEK, SORRY, MORAN.

THEN AS MORAN DRIVES OFF...
HIYA, MORAN. I DIDN'T WANT TO KEEP YOU WAITING. I GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU TOO... KEEP DRIVING AND DON'T TRY NOTHING FUNNY!
ULP! DIAMOND!

IN AN EMPTY BROOKLYN LOT, FORTY MINUTES LATER..
LEGS! PLEASE! I WAS ONLY DOIN' WHAT THE BOSS ORDERED ME TO. I GOT NOTHIN' AGAINST YOU... I... AAAGH!
SO LONG, SUCKER!

DIAMOND'S POWER CONTINUED TO GROW. BY 1930 HE HAD A BIG SHARE OF THE RACKETS AND OWNED A LARGE NIGHT CLUB. TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM HIS NUMEROUS ENEMIES, HE MOVED UPSTATE TO AGRA, WHERE HE LIVED IN A HUGE HOUSE SURROUNDED BY SPOTLIGHTS AND BODYGUARDS.....

BUT THOSE WHO HAD SWORN TO GET HIM NEVER GAVE UP, AND ONE NIGHT AS HE LEFT HIS GIRL FRIEND...
GEE, JACK, I HARDLY EVER SEE YOU ANYMORE. WHEN ARE YOU COMING DOWN AGAIN?
PRETTY SOON, BABY. THE HEAT'S ALMOST OFF. MEANWHILE I'M LOOKING INTO THE UPSTATE BEER AND APPLEJACK RACKETS. I THINK COUNTRY LIFE WILL AGREE WITH ME.

I'LL CALL YOU TOMORROW AND... AAAGH!
EEE!
YOU DIDN'T THINK WE FORGOT YOU, DID YOU, PAL?
BUT AGAIN DIAMOND FOOLED THEM AND RECOVERED. HE NOW BEGAN HI-JACKING BEER AND APPLEJACK IN EARNEST...
COME ON DOWN OUT OF THERE, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU. WHEREARE YOU TAKING THAT LOAD OF APPLEJACK?
MAYBE THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, MISTER.
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I'M MAKING IT MY BUSINESS... PUT HIM IN THE CAR, BOYS. I GOT AN IDEA HE'S GONNA TALK LOUD AND LONG.
I'M PAID TO KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT AND NO SO-CALLED TOUGH BOYS CAN OPEN IT.
AT AN ABANDONED CEMETERY NOT FAR AWAY...
WELL, HOW ABOUT IT, HARD BOY? CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT OPENING UP, OR DO I HAVE TO BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY?
NOOO! NOO! STOP! I'LL TELL YOU! THE LOAD'S FOR JAKE LUGARRY... ENOUGH...
SO THAT'S WHO IT IS. FROM NOW ON LUGARRY'S ORDERS COME FROM ME... COME ON, LET'S GO!
COMIN', LEGS.
THE BEATING OF THE DRIVER CAUSED STATEWIDE INDIGNATION AND DIAMOND WAS ARRESTED ON A KIDNAPPING CHARGE...
OKAY, DIAMOND, LET'S GO! THE D.A. IS WAITING TO SEE YOU
WELL NOW, AIN'T THAT NICE. HE'S GOT NOTHIN' ON ME. I'LL BE HOME TONIGHT.
I'M AFRAID NOT, LEGS. YOU'RE STAYING PUT THIS TIME.
BUT DIAMOND DIDN'T STAY PUT. HE MANAGED TO GO FREE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE...
GENTLEMEN, IN HONOR OF THIS PROOF OF MY INNOCENCE, I'M GONNA THROW THE BIGGEST PARTY ALBANY'S EVER SEEN....
INNOCENT! HE'S AS GUILTY AS THEY COME. SOME DAY HE'LL GET IT, BUT GOOD!
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THE REPORTER'S WORDS WERE TO PROVE PROPHETIC. THAT NIGHT, DECEMBER 16, 1930, AS LEGS WAS ON HIS WAY TO PICK UP HIS GIRLFRIEND, SHE HAD EARLIER CALLERS...
OKAY, SISTER, KEEP QUIET AND GET BACK INSIDE.
OHHH!
THAT WAS NICE OF MAXIE TO CALL AND TELL US THAT RAT WAS GOING TO BE HERE.
SHUT UP AND HANG ON TO THAT GIRL. HE'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE NOW.
MOMENTS LATER, THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN AS THE KILLERS RAISE THEIR GUNS...
HI, BABY, I... WHAT'S THIS?
GREETINGS, LEGS, WE COME TO CONGRATULATE YA ON BEATIN' THE RAP... GIVE IT TO HIM, BOYS!
NO! NOOO... UNHH!
THIS TIME IT'S FOR KEEPS! YOU'RE FINISHED, LEGS!
BANG
BANG
BANG
I AIN'T TAKING NO CHANCES. THIS GUY HAS NINE LIVES LIKE A CAT! I'M MAKIN' SURE!
OHHH!
BANG
IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU, SISTER, YOU'LL KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT!
COME ON, LET'S BLOW!
SHORTLY AFTER...
ALL RIGHT, MISS, LET'S GO. NOTHING WILL BRING HIM BACK THIS TIME.
YEAH, HE'S FINALLY BURNING IN THE PLACE HE SHOULD HAVE GONE TO A LONG TIME AGO.
THUS ENDED THE EVIL LIFE OF JACK "LEGS" DIAMOND, A HATED CHARACTER, DESPISED BY ALL. THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE HAD GONE TO MEET HIS MASTER.....
THE END

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Lucky DALE
OUT OF THE FOG-SHROUDED NIGHT THEY CAME--SHADOWY FIGURES WHOSE PRESENCE SPELLED---M-U-R-D-E-R! WHO WERE THEY? FROM WHERE DID THEY COME? THESE WERE THE QUESTIONS WHICH FACED LUCKY DALE AS SHE TOOK UP THE DEATH-STREWN TRAIL OF..... "THE RIVER PIRATES"
SHOOTING! IT SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM THE DOCK!
BANG! BANG!
SCRE-E-ECH--
A POLICEMAN'S BEEN SHOT! AND THAT SPEEDBOAT--! WHOEVER DID IT IS MAKING THEIR GETAWAY!
WHERE ARE YOU HURT, OFFICER!? CAN YOU TALK?
STOMACH... GOT IT... BAD! CALL... HEAD-QUARTERS... TELL 'EM-- RIVER PIRATES!

LUCKY PHONES POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND A HALF-HOUR LATER, CAPTAIN DONOVAN OF HOMICIDE, ARRIVES AT THE SCENE WITH AN AMBULANCE...
WELL, DOC-?
YOUR MAN WILL LIVE, CAPTAIN DONOVAN, BUT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FOR AT LEAST A WEEK!
I'LL BET THE SAME GANG OF RATS WE'VE BEEN AFTER FOR MORE THAN A YEAR SHOT HOGAN, LUCKY! THEY'RE A GANG OF MURDEROUS, SLIPPERY RIVER PIRATES! THEIR ANNUAL TAKE RUNS INTO THE MILLIONS, AND WE CAN'T LAY A FINGER ON THEM! WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING! EVEN SENT UNDERCOVER MEN INTO THE WATERFRONT DISTRICTS, BUT WITHOUT RESULTS!
MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE YOUR MEN WERE KNOWN TO THE UNDERWORLD! LOOK, CAPTAIN, I'D LIKE TO HELP ROUT THEM OUT! A WOMAN WORKING UNDERCOVER MIGHT HAVE MORE OF A CHANCE! LET ME TRY IT!
IT'S AN IDEA LUCKY! YOU'VE HELPED US BEFORE, YOU MIGHT DO IT AGAIN!
REMEMBER THIS, LUCKY, IT'S DANGEROUS WORK! ONE MISTAKE AND YOU'RE DEAD! BUT GO AHEAD IF YOU WANT TO! I'LL BACK YOU!
THANK YOU, CAPTAIN!
SO, LUCKY BEGAN HAUNTING THE WATERFRONT DIVES, POSING AS A TOUGH GAL WITH AN EASY CONSCIENCE AND A YEN FOR EASIER DOUGH!
WHO'S THE BLONDE, JOE! SHE'S NEW AROUND HERE!
SHE CALLS HERSELF LUCKY DALE, MOLLY! BLEW INTO TOWN THREE DAYS AGO! SHE SEEMS TO BE LOOKING FOR A DISHONEST BUCK! MAYBE YOU FOLKS CAN USE HER!
MAYBE WE CAN AT THAT! I'LL LOOK THE CHICK OVER FOR POSSIBILITIES!
HE SURE DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO GET AQUAINTED! THAT RED! WIMMEN'LL BE THE DEATH OF HIM YET!
IF HE DON'T LEAVE THAT BLONDE PHONY ALONE, I'LL BE THE DEATH OF 'IM! WATCH ME BREAK THAT LOVE-FEST UP, BUT QUICK!

ALL RIGHT, BOTTLE-BLONDE, BLOW! YOU'RE GRAZING IN MY PASTURE!
JUST AS YOU SAY DEARIE, BUT THE RED-HEAD BLOWS WITH ME! RIGHT, RED?
RIGHT, BABY! I HATE BOSSY DAMES! THEY MAKE ME NERVOUS!
SO, YUH THINK I'M GONNA LET YUH TAKE RED AWAY FROM ME?
I ALREADY HAVE DEARIE! COME, RED! LET'S GET OUT OF THIS FLEATRAP!
TCH! TCH! YOU REALLY MUST WATCH YOUR TEMPER, DEARIE!
I'LL GET YOU! I'LL GET YOU IF I SWING FOR IT!
YOU PEROXIDE COW, I'LL.. I'LL--? RED! LEMME GO! LEMME--? OHHHH..!
A FEW MINUTES LATER, IN A NEARBY LOFT...
ME FOR THIS NIFTY MINK! GOSH, RED, THANKS!
GO ON, BABY, TAKE ANYONE YOU WANT! THERE'S PLENTY MORE ON THE PIERS WHERE THEY CAME FROM!
IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE REALLY HIT THE JACKPOT! I'LL HAVE CAPTAIN DONOVAN CHECK THIS COAT AGAINST STOLEN FUR SHIPMENTS!
THE OLD WARHORSE! I WAS GETTIN' TIRED OF HER NAGGING! FROM HERE ON IN, LUCKY, IT'S JUST GONNA BE YOU AN' ME! AND JUST TO SEAL THE BARGAIN I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE PRESENT! C'MON!
Cafe

ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, THE COAT WAS STOLEN FROM PIER #3 NEARLY A MONTH AGO! I THINK YOU'VE HIT THE GANG RESPONSIBLE, LUCKY! NOW, D'YOU THINK YOU CAN WORM YOUR WAY IN!
I'M GOING TO TRY TALKING RED INTO IT! I'VE GOT A DATE WITH HIM IN AN HOUR!
HOMICIDE SQUAD
BUT IT PROVES UNNECESSARY TO TALK RED INTO IT, FOR WHEN LUCKY MEETS HIM AT A WATERFRONT CAFE, A HALF-HOUR LATER...
I'VE BEEN TALKIN' TO MY BOSS ABOUT YOU, LUCKY! HE CAN USE A GAL WITH NERVE, AND A YEN FOR EASY DOUGH! I FIGURE YOU FIT THE BILL! HOW ABOUT IT, KID?
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ACT AS LOOKOUT ON OUR JOBS!
THE KINDA JOBS THAT GETS A GAL MINK COATS, RED? I'M GAME! LEAD ME TO IT!
I KNEW YOU WERE MY KIND OF GAL! C'MON! I'LL TAKE YUH DOWN TO THE HIDEOUT TO MEET THE BOSS AN' THE GANG! YOU CAN GO ALONG ON THE JOB WE'VE GOT PLANNED FOR TONIGHT!
I GOT IT!
A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE GANG HIDEOUT...
LUCKY, THIS IS THE BOSS, MATTY SILVERS! THE OTHER TWO GUYS ARE SKIVVY AND TINY! YOU ALREADY KNOW MOLLY! FELLOWS! THIS IS LUCKY DALE, OUR NEW LOOKOUT!
RED TELLS ME YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF NERVE! YOU'LL NEED IT IN THIS MOB! WE WORK FAST AND WHEN SOMEONE GETS IN THE WAY, WE SHOOT TO KILL! NOW, ON THIS JOB WE'RE PULLIN' TONIGHT...
WE'RE TAKIN' OVER PIER #3 ON THE WEST RIVER! LUCKY'LL PLAY LOOKOUT WITH A BLINKER-LIGHT! GIVE US ONE LONG, ONE SHORT BLINK FOR DANGER, TWO LONG, TWO SHORT BLINKS FOR CAUTION! SAVVY?
THIS IS IT, LUCKY! NOW YOU'VE GOT TO DUCK THIS BUNCH LONG ENOUGH TO TIP OFF DONOVAN!
MOLLY FOLLOWS LUCKY DALE TO A PHONE BOOTH IN A CORNER DRUGSTORE...
LOOK, FELLOWS, I'VE GOT TO CHANGE INTO SLACKS! I'LL MEET YOU AT THE PIER IN AN HOUR!
OKAY, LUCKY!
IF YUH ASK ME, THAT DAME'S UP TO SOMETHING! SHE'S ACTING KINDA NERVOUS! THINK I'LL TAIL HER JUST TO PLAY SAFE!
SLACKS, HUH? SINCE WHEN D'YA FIND 'EM IN A PHONE BOOTH? THERE'S SOMETHIN' SCREWY ABOUT THIS DAME! I'M GONNA SLIP INTO THAT NEXT BOOTH AN' LISTEN IN ON HER CALL!

CAPTAIN DONOVAN? LUCKY DALE CALLING!
THE LITTLE RAT! SHE'S TIPPING OFF THE COPS!
THE GANG'S ROBBING PIER #3 TONIGHT, CAPTAIN, AND I'M PLAYING LOOKOUT! HERE'S THE BLINKER-SIGNAL I'M TO USE----!
ONE LONG, ONE SHORT FOR DANGER, TWO LONG, TWO SHORT FOR CAUTION? OKAY! USE THE LATTER SIGNAL TO TIP OFF MY RAIDING SQUAD! BEGIN FIVE MINUTES AFTER YOU REACH THE DOCK!
AS LUCKY LEAVES THE BOOTH, SHE NOTICES A CORNER OF MOLLY'S FUR COAT CAUGHT IN THE DOOR CRACK IN THE NEXT BOOTH...
SAY, THAT LOOKS LIKE--MOLLY! SHE FOLLOWED ME FROM THE HIDEOUT! I'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF HER BEFORE SHE TIPS OFF THE GANG! HMMM... I THINK I KNOW JUST THE WAY TO DO IT---!
SHE'S TURNING INTO THE ALLEY! THAT'LL MAKE IT EASIER TO CATCH UP WITH HER AND FORCE HER TO THE PIER WITH THIS! SHE'S ONE COPPER THAT'S GOING TO BE FOOD FOR THE FISH!
I THOUGHT YOU'D FOLLOW ME! GIVE ME THAT GUN!
YOU SPYING BLONDE PHONY! I'LL KILL--!
HEY--
--OHHHH!

SHE'S KNOCKED OUT! NOW, I'LL TEAR HER SCARF UP AND USE THE STRIPS TO TIE HER HANDS AND FEET! THAT SHOULD KEEP HER SAFE UNTIL DONOVAN'S MEN SPRING THEIR TRAP AT THE PIER!
TOO BAD I HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO HAVE HER PROPERLY TAKEN CARE OF BUT I'VE GOT TO GET DOWN TO THE PIER! I GUESS THAT'LL HOLD HER FOR AWHILE! GOLLY! I'VE GOT TO HURRY!
LUCKY ARRIVES AT THE PIER TO FIND THE REST OF THE MOB IMPATIENTLY WAITING...
YOU HAD ME WORRIED! I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GONNA SHOW!
C'MON, LET'S GET TO WORK! HERE'S YOUR BLINKER! STAND JUST WHERE YOU ARE AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR TROUBLE!
DONOVAN SAID TO WAIT FIVE MINUTES! THAT MEANS THAT MIDNIGHT IS ZERO HOUR! HIS RAIDING SQUAD MUST BE CLOSING IN RIGHT NOW!
MEANWHILE, IN THE ALLEY NEAR THE DRUGSTORE, MOLLY HAS REVIVED AND IS WORKING FRANTICALLY TO FREE HERSELF...
I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE, AND SCOTCH LUCKY'S TIP-OFF! I JUST--? THERE! MY HANDS ARE FREE! I'M GONNA MAKE IT! THAT BLONDE SHE-CAT'S IN FOR A ROUGH TIME!
THERE! I'VE WAITED A GOOD SEVEN MINUTES JUST TO MAKE SURE! I'LL START SIGNALLING DONOVAN!
MATTY, RED, SKIVVY! GET OUT OF HERE! IT'S A TRAP! LUCKY TIPPED OFF THE COPS! SHE'S A POLICE SPY!
YEAH, RED, YOUR LITTLE BLONDE CHICK'S A LOUSY SPY! HOW D'YOU LIKE IT, RED? HOW D'YOU LIKE IT?
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HE'S DEAD, LUCKY!
I'M S-SORRY! I--I K-KIND OF L-LIKED HIM! SOMEHOW I THINK IF WE'D MET LONG BEFORE THIS, HE MIGHT HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE DIFFERENT!
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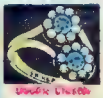

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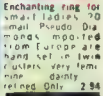

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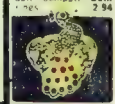

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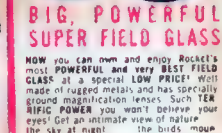

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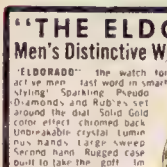

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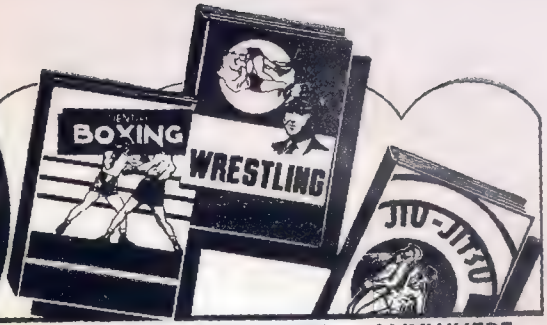

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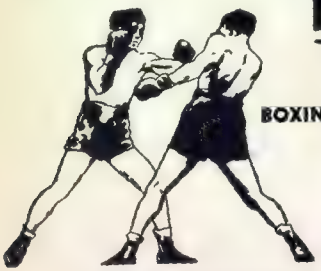

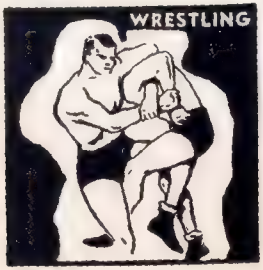

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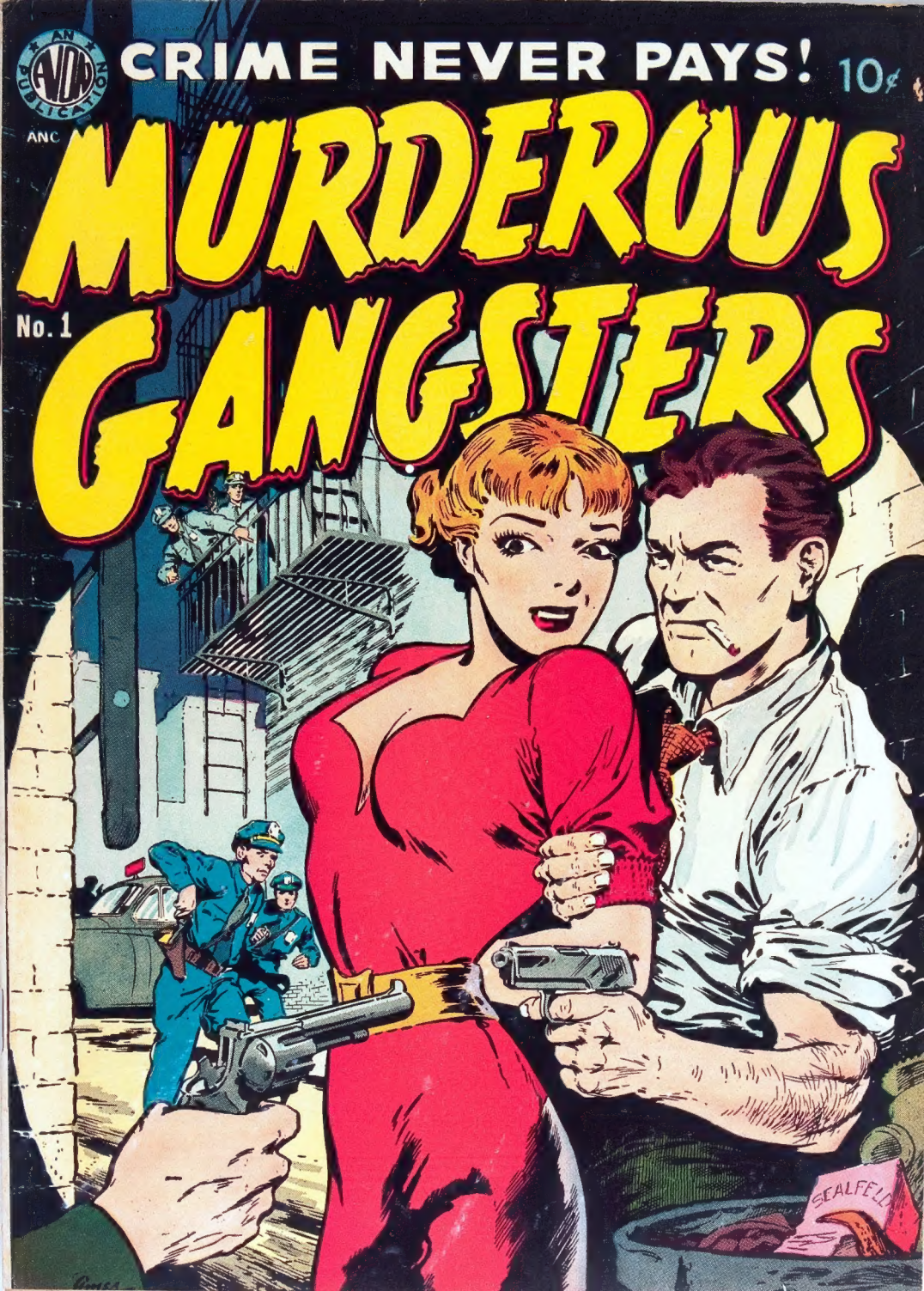
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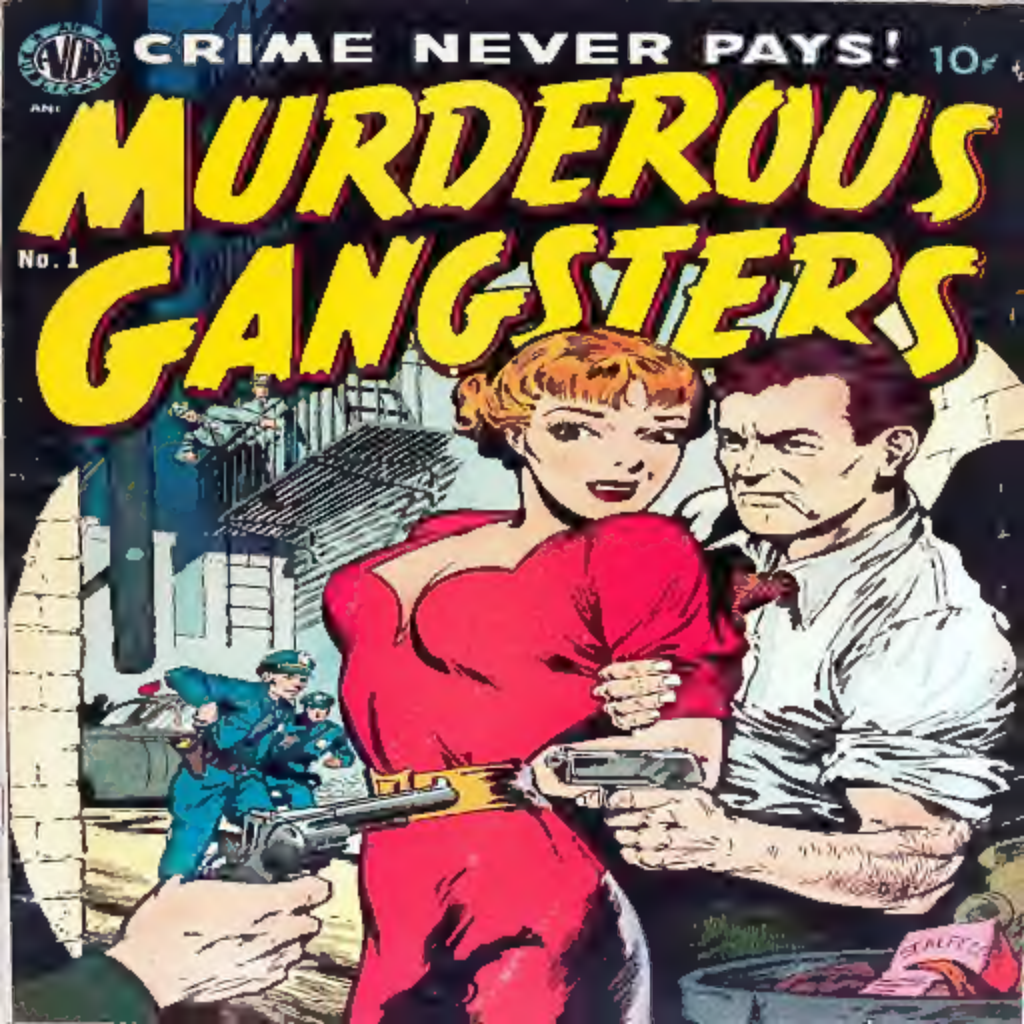
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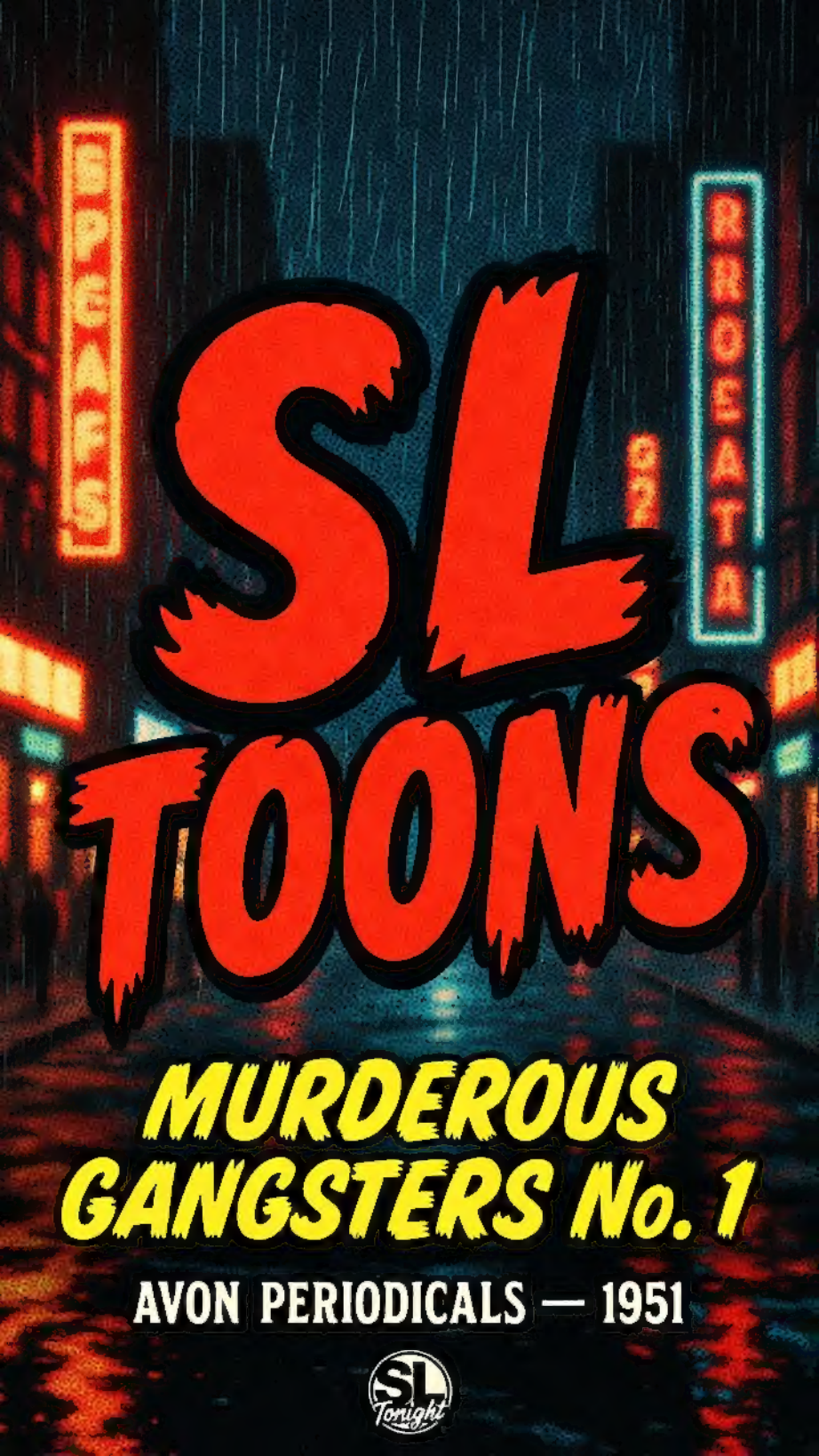
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